RE: Forward Bev's email and update on Request for Access to Anglo Saxon Placer to conduct wetland delineation

Hayhurst, Barry to: Forrest.Sabrina

09/19/2011 11:25 AM

From: "Hayhurst, Barry" <barry.hayhurst@urs.com>

To:

From: bev halwa [mailto:bevhalwa@hotmail.com] Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 7:14 AM

To: Hayhurst, Barry

Subject: GR5 hike - Mt Blanc

Hi Barry,

How are you doing? Have you set a retirement date yet?

A few years ago you mailed me a copy of some hikes in France. I wanted to let you know that I just completed the 87 mile piece of the GR5 you sent just as it was written in the description. It was great! Thanks for sending it! Then we did the 105 mile loop around Mt Blanc - also great! Bey

I wish I was hiking around in the Alps. Bev did the right thing when she retired. Reply to work message below:

----Original Message----

From: Forrest.Sabrina@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Forrest.Sabrina@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 9:15 AM

To: Hayhurst, Barry

Subject: Fw: Request for Access to Anglo Saxon Placer to conduct wetland delineation

The draft wetlands report will be coming in the trip report as soon as the figure for the trip report is completed.

They found a total of 1.37 miles of stream side wetlands. They need to change some wording in the report, but I think that should put us solidly inside the one mile threshold.

Barry, I think I forgot to forward this to your for your files. All the landowners, the stakeholders, County, etc. are very interested in receiving the final wetlands report. Please keep me updated on its' progress.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Forrest

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---- Forwarded by Sabrina Forrest/R8/USEPA/US on 09/19/2011 09:11 AM

From: Tom Warlick <Anglo-Saxon@cox.net>
To: Sabrina Forrest/R8/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 08/23/2011 01:49 PM

Subject: Re: Request for Access to Anglo Saxon Placer to conduct

wetland delineation

Sabrina,

This is to confirm that you have my permission to access the Anglo- Saxon Placer site to conduct delineation and verification investigations

in relation to the EPA's HRS evaluations. Please advise me of the results of the evaluation study as soon as they are available.

Attached is an overlay of the claims I own (tinted yellow) which includes the Anglo-Saxon Placer. I have a high degree of confidence that the actual location of the property is very close to the location depicted on the overlay.

My comments on the Superfund question:

At last Thursday's meeting I asked if any evaluation of the potential risk to human health from the Cement Creek high metals loading levels had been done. The answer, as I understood it, was that no such evaluation had been done at this point but would be done (at least a preliminary study) before the decision of whether or not the site should or should not be added to the Superfund list is made.

The purpose of my question was to attempt to get some idea of where Cement Creek might be ranked on the NPL in relation to the other Superfund sites already on the list within the Denver region. My concern is that if the threat to human health of the metals loading in Cement Creek is ranked very lowly, then the anticipated additional funding that might be expected from being added to the Superfund list would actually never be fully realized, because sites considered to be a greater threat to human health would soak up available funds long before they got down to Cement Creek on the list.

Given the current atmosphere in Washington regarding the federal budget deficit, I think we can anticipate that government funding is going to become much tighter over the foreseeable future, and EPA will not be immune from that tightening. Thus, Superfund budgets are not likely to even keep up with inflation, let alone be substantially increased any time soon.

Before any decision is made regarding Superfund designation of Cement Creek, the community should have a relatively good idea of where it will be ranked for funding purposes and whether or not significant amounts of money will really be made available thru the Superfund program. The incremental new funds reasonably expected based on a real world, unbiased funding projection must be greater than the negative economic impact to Silverton of having a Superfund site "in your back yard".

I look forward seeing you next time I'm in Silverton.

Tom Warlick

On 8/22/2011 6:29 PM, Forrest.Sabrina@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Warlick, Thank you very much for taking my call today and for attending last Thursday's meeting in Silverton regarding EPA's data from

last fall's sampling effort. I hope the meeting was informative and if

you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me.

I would like to confirm via this email message that I spoke with you

today at approximately 4:10 pm (Mtn) regarding EPA tasking our Superfund

Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractor and a subcontractor to conduct delineation and verification of wetland vegetation that supports EPA's Hazard Ranking System (HRS) work documentation. START was able to mobilize to Silverton this week and

has identified the Anglo Saxon Placer as an area they need to access to

document the presence of wetlands.

This email is also documenting my request, and your verbal approval for

EPA contractors' access to the Anglo Saxon Placer so they may conduct

wetlands study in support of EPA's HRS work. Their work will not be

intrusive.

Once the study's report is finalized, EPA will be able to share the

report with you, other identified landowners, and stakeholders with the

Animas River Stakeholders Group.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me or call me at

your convenience.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Forrest

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